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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Paul M. Defourny and Feridoun Aboussian

Serial No.: 08/696,986

Filed: March 3, 1997

For: *Drilling Bit Assembly
and Apparatus*

Attorney Docket No.: DBS-38-A

Art Unit No.: 3673

Examiner: Jong-Suk (James) Lee

AMENDMENT

Box AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed December 23, 1999, and the Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2000, Applicants desire to amend as follows:

In the Drawings

A separate letter with drawing corrections is being transmitted to the Official Draftsperson to correct the objections raised by the Examiner. Specifically, the cross-section lines indicated in drawing Figs. 3A, 6A, and 7A have been changed to Roman numerals. Cross-hatching changes showing resilient material in Figs. 12A-12D are also being requested. The requested changes are indicated in red in the attached copies of the affected drawing Figures.

In the Specification

On page 12, between lines 31 and 32 (just before the description of Figs. 12C and 12D and after the text entered by amendment filed March 16, 1999), please insert the following sentence:

--Fig. 7B is a cross-section taken along the line VII-VII of Fig. 7A;--

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